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SUBJECT: TIMING FOR PAYMENTS TO UN OF US ASSESSED
CONTRIBUTIONS

1. OMB HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT AT WORKING LEVEL OF NECESSITY TO STAGGER US PAYMENTS OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN REGULAR BUDGET AND UNEF/UNDOF. OMB REPS STRESSED PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES TO THE MINIMUM, AND THE CONSEQUENT NEED TO TIME ALL US GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS TO THE ACTUAL OUTLAY REQUIREMENTS OF THE RECIPIENT. THEY POINTED OUT OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OF HOLDING ON TO US FUNDS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, THEREBY REDUCING THE NEED TO BORROW MONEY TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS WHO MIGHT EARN INTEREST ON SUCH FUNDS. ACCORDINGLY, OMB ADVOCATED A STAGGERED PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UN, SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTING QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

2. REGARDING UNEF/UNDOF, OMB PROPOSED DELAYING 50 PERCENT OF ESTIMATED YEARLY US CONTRIBUTION INTO THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR
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YEAR. IN CONNECTION WITH CASH FLOW STUDY, THEY HAVE ASKED

FOR AMOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS BY UNEF/UNDOF IN 1976 UP TO
SEPTEMBER 30. WE SHOULD APPRECIATE USUN'S OBTAINING THIS
INFORMATION FOR OUR FORWARDING TO OMB. ROBINSON

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